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MINGOVERNMENT OF THE SOUTH.

There is a royal road for a government that has no enemies—a corruption. What you want to do is to eat down your expenses and save your money, and then you will have the best chance of saving your money and financing your war. The whole of it, for the old, honest, maxims of life.

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To Gen. John A. McClelland, Chairman, U. S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to inform you that I have received your letter of the 1st instant, and I beg to assure you that I have no objection to your proposal.

Very truly yours, W. H. Letcher.

W. H. LETCHER.

REBELLION.

# The Interior Journal.

STANFORD, KY.

Friday Morning, August 11, 1874.

## Democratic Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT:

NATHaniel J. TILDEN,

OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,

OF INDIANA.

### The Prohibition Ticket.

This new party has at last succeeded in getting some one to "act as its candidate" for Vice President on the ticket with Rev. Green Clay Smith, and they now have an electoral ticket in the field. We are just as much opposed to running the temperance question into politics as we are opposed to mixing Church and State. If this country can not be redeemed from the giant evil of intemperance in any other way than by having presidential candidates, we fear that the giant will hold the mastery for all time to come. We never have believed, nor can we ever think, that this is the proper way to fight the liquor traffic. Instead of benefitting the cause of temperance it will yet prove to be its destruction. As well hope to elect a ticket brought out by the Masons, Odd Fellows, or any other secret, oath-bound society, as to how to succeed with Prohibition ticket. No secret society can flourish, or has ever flourished politically in this country or any other. The history of the world furnishes no instance where a secret society has been enabled to take the reins of government and run it. We would not be understood as saying anything against the cause of temperance. Far from it. We firmly cherish the hope that the day is not far distant when we can look upon the work of the Good Templars as almost finished by the abolition of an indiscriminate whisky traffic. The good work they have done and are still doing is worthy of all praise, and should be encouraged by the press, the pulpit, and by every man and woman in the land. But the futile effort of a few fanatics to run it into politics is a greater blow against its ultimate success than anything we may say in opposition to the Prohibition ticket. This era of political reform. Two great parties are in the field. The Democratic party promises to give the country relief from the oppression of taxation and to thoroughly purge all public political offices of rascals and thieves who have grown rich upon public plunder. A vote given to the Prohibition candidate is a vote lost, for it will avail nothing, nor can it accomplish any good. How was it in Ohio, and other States where such tickets were nominated? It was a moral-political farce. Let Democrats think of this matter, and before you cast your vote where it will do no good, remember that the interests of your country are at stake. Let us stand or fall by the principles as taught by the Democratic party. There is no half-way ground. There is no party which promises more good to the country which has the shadow of a showing for success. We jeopardize our welfare when we fly off after a candidate who has no more chance to win the battle than we have to become the Czar of Russia. We write in all candor, and hope that every Democratic member of the Order will vote for Tilden, Hendricks and Reform.

Are we to have an Indian war in the Far West for an indefinite period of time? It seems so, indeed, from the way in which we have been and still are, fighting the Sioux tribe. It is a disgrace to our country in the eyes of the civilized world to be hunting on with this conflict against a lot of savages, here in our own borders. While we are fighting one-half of these red-skins, we are feeding the other half of the same tribe. Such a thing is a mockery, and as long as we continue such a policy so long will we be compelled to do it. Why not have done with it at once and forever, by putting a stop to feeding, clothing, arming and otherwise supporting the hostile savage tribe? This country's own code of right ought to be. God Almighty never intended that wild beasts and untamable savages should own and possess so fair an inheritance, as we can not civilize the red man let us exterminate him. We are sick and tired of these miserable Indian wars, and there should be an end made of them forthwith, even though it requires a hundred thousand well armed soldiers to accomplish their extermination.

A. M. SWAPE, the Radical elector in one of the Kentucky districts, claims to be an "erratic speaker." The Frankfort Freeman says he proved to be entitled to the appellation from a speech he made there last Saturday, and that he was guilty of a "great deal of vain and tiresome repetition during the last hour of his two hours' speech." Scape is loquacious, to say the least of him.

The fighting force of the hostile Sioux Indians is 27,000. There are 10,000 well armed warriors now on the war path, and they may yet make things as hot as Orth was when he said he was as "hot as a lime kiln."

**THE LETTERS.**—We give up the greater part of our space on the outside of this issue, to the letters of acceptance of Tilden and Hendricks, believing as we do, that most of our readers will be glad to peruse them in full. Comment upon them would be unnecessary, as the intelligent reader will form his own opinion of each one. To say that the letter of Mr. Tilden is one of the ablest of the kind ever presented to the American people, would be stating that, which every candid mind must admit. Although not so long, or so minute in details, the letter of Mr. Hendricks stands out boldly as the expression on public affairs of an honest and able statesman. We trust that all our readers will peruse them carefully. It would simply repeat them.

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**A CORRESPONDENT** of the Cincinnati Enquirer, writing from West Virginia, says that Hayes, the Radical candidate for President, while a General in the Federal army, had a soldier shot for desertion, and that he (Hayes) appropriated \$400 of the soldier's money, either to his own use, or that of some one else. This fact may help to account for Hayes' greed for, and love of money. The man who tells this on Hayes was a Chaplain in the army, and signs his full name—W. W. Harper. Let Ruthford rise and explain.

On the 13th of July, Tilden and Hendricks were notified of their nomination, and on the 4th of August, just three weeks after that, their letters of acceptance were published. Why then call them "those long deferred letters?" We could afford to wait a month to get such good reading as they contain.

**THE COMMENTS** of the Democratic press all over the country, on the letters of Tilden and Hendricks, are entirely favorable, and the better and fairer portion of the Republican press full well of them.

One Wm. J. Headly, who has been a candidate for Congress at every election since 1848, ran against Watterson last Monday, and out of 9000 votes polled he got 565. Try again, Bill.

### GENERAL NEWS.

ALABAMA went Democratic last Monday by 25,000, a large gain over the last election.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL, Ely H. Murray, has not yet been removed by the President, and it is not likely that he will be headed.

It is claimed that Missouri will give a greater majority for Tilden and Hendricks than Kentucky will. They claim 45,000 majority.

A REVIVAL of religion in Waco, Texas, recently, ended with over 300 additions to the Baptists and over 200 to the Methodist churches.

Wm. H. VANDERBILT and Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., took a mortgage for \$15,000,000 on the Hudson River and Harlem Rail-roads the other day.

HON. L. Q. C. LAMAR, the eloquent member of Congress from Mississippi, was stricken down by heat while on the floor of the House last Monday, but he soon rallied, and is again at his post.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT, who is now in a dying state, is estimated to be worth from fifty to sixty million dollars. He hardly knows how much he is worth. Only three children will inherit this vast wealth.

ANOTHER victim of coal oil carelessly handled! This time it was a woman who should have known better, living in southern Kentucky, who poured the oil on a fire from a can. Explosion, flames, and a horrible death! Is this a warning?

REV. GARLAND H. WHITE and another colored preacher, have taken the stump in the South, and will advocate the cause of Tilden and Hendricks. Those two colored men know what is best for their race, and who are their best friends.

### STATE NEWS.

LEXINGTON gave large Democratic gains last Monday.

MADISON COUNTY, All built! The Democratic majority at the recent election was 400, a larger majority than has been given since the war.

TRUE STEAM FLOURING MILLS at Chas. Armstrong, at Perryville, in Boyle county, were burned last Tuesday, accidentally. Loss about \$10,000. No insurance.

THE LEHIGH papers announce that T. C. Jackson, Circuit Court Clerk of Marion county for sixteen years past, committed suicide in his office last Friday by shooting himself with a pistol. No cause is assigned for the deed.

**THE DEMOCRATS** carried Jessamine county at the election last Monday by a majority of 50—the first time in recent years. The good time is dawning all along the line.

RONNER HARBIN, a son of the late Chief-Justice Harbin of the Kentucky Supreme Court, rescued a companion from a watery grave in the Ohio river, at Louisville, last Monday.

R. L. SALTER, Democratic candidate for sheriff, in Boyle county, beat Irwin, his Independent opponent, nearly 200. And thus it should ever be with such Independents.

MIKE BOLAND, present Attorney of the City Court of Louisville, was re-elected last Monday by small majority over Henry Clay, a grandson of the immortal Clay of Kentucky.

PROF. J. LAWRENCE SMITH, the scientist, of Louisville, is a candidate for Congress for the regular term at the election in November, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

### LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS.

#### Huntington.

TIMELY and copious rains have put the corn crop beyond controversy. With very little stock for feeding in the county, and no distilleries, the surplus of grain will be heavy. Farmers are loth to sell wheat at the ruling rates. Rice is so low as to command nothing but very fares on the part of holders; and corn will prove unremunerative unless the Grangers can succeed in making a corner on the article. Hence the very abundance of the cereals has a tendency to make the producers anxious. However, some old fogyes persist in declaring that even this is better than a famine.

TUNER has been a general complaint in reference to the paucity of visitors at watering places and other points of fashionable resort. The old dodge of hunting and fishing, magnificence, scenery and漫游, hotels with home comforts, balls and billiards, &c., has ceased to draw. A new idea has been developed. We have now diligences plying forth that "an old fashioned Camp Meeting, under the auspices of—Church," will commence on the day of—no—no—Spring. And then follows a list of names of distinguished revivalists expected to be present, together with the usual assurance that abundant accommodations will be provided, and that roads will afford facilities in the way of reduced fare. This whole thing smacks a little of "mixed metaphor." Nothing but malice, however, would hint at the hookneyed quodam aenam, "borrowing the name of Heaven to serve the Devil in."

Had it not been for the opportune arrival of the late rains, the waterworks of our village would have been in active operation now. A stranger on beholding our appliances in this line, would be constrained to exclaim, "How simple, yet, how beautiful!" We do not claim to have originated the idea, however. It was borrowed from the hydraulic enterprise of Stanford. But it is recommended by its cheapness, and its attainability by all classes. All that is required in enabling any family to secure a bountiful supply of water, is a semi-permeated horse, a rickety sled, and a condemned whisky barrel. These being given, the problem almost solves itself.

We had rather a languid election on yesterday. There being little or no competition, a very small vote was polled. R. E. Hocker was elected Constable, and J. Bon Lucas bears the baton of town Marshal. The married women seemed to be enthusiastic in favor of the work house. They profess to regard it as offering a means for the utilization of husbands. Shumard does not like it. We do not claim to have originated the idea, however. It was borrowed from the hydraulic enterprise of Stanford.

ARNORS of steps, at this moment the well sustained notes of Squire Peyton's falsetto come pealing across the street, and the measured beat of dancing feet proclaim that youth is holding carnival. The Square is in the midst of a party of little folks, and with the giddy delight of a very child is prompting them through the revolutions of the many pastime. And there has a miniature life—the timid glance of boyhood, love—the little maiden coy and conscious recognition—the pang of insipid jealousy—the triumphant bearing of assured success. Truly, childhood's volume is worth perusal.

FALSTAFF.—  
*Mount Salem.*

THE doctors say that "huckleberry" is not healthy this year, which we give no reason for not reporting last week.

ALL efforts to get a few news items this week have been futile. In our eagerness we incurred the official mailing ride, Clay Carpenter, shelter there was any news about liberty, to which he emphatically responded: "No! and there never will be any more there, unless some of them go to work." We hope that in this matter Clay has come to a hasty conclusion, and has not observed as closely as he should have done. May these good people be soon shortly, for as it is said, "By their works ye shall know them."

WE are happy to say that the recent article in the Courier-Journal purporting to discredit the official conduct of Hon. M. J. Durban, has made but little or no impression upon the minds of sound Democrats in this section of country. Mr. Durban has, from actual service, won the confidence of his people, and the man of his own party who can be no presumption as to try to harm his good name by slandering and slandering him, to say the least of him, a political friend seeking newspaper notoriety, and unworthy the confidence of friends, kindred, or home.

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IT seems to be a verified truth that there is an equivalent regret for every pleasure in the progress of life. Your humble correspondent is at present living under a dispensation of wrath for his views given in this journal a short time since with reference to the trustees granting whisky license in the town of Somerton. Whether we are willing to sustain the same opinion now, is before the liberal reduction of revenue, which he could not be

placed, placed the name of R. S. Barron in his stead, who was elected with little or no difficulty. The victory of the Democrats, in electing all of their present officers, is most encouraging, and shows what we intend to do in November. It is probable that Holt, Graves, Democrat, is elected Sheriff of the county. At Grindly, Tate, Radical, was elected Constable over Ingram, Democrat, by about 33 majority. Several fist and skull fights took place, and a good deal of nasal gore was spilled—we have been unable to hear from the other precincts up to the close of this report, but may probably hear in time to send you the result, so that it may appear in the same issue with this.

MR. DAVID SWARINGEN, a farmer and much respected citizen, died last week, after a short illness. He was about 60 years old. We learn that there is a good deal of sickness in some localities in the county. The disease is principally flux, and as many as three persons in one neighborhood have died with it, within a short time.

HOW WERE BORNED THE NIGHT FALLEN? A few short months ago, the name of "brother"

LEONARD PARKER, was a power in the Northern Methodist Church, and his solemn words of warning, to flee from the wrath to come, made many a poor sinner tremble in his boots. But his voice is heard no more in the land, for, in a moment, he should perhaps say many moments, he allowed the carnal inclinations of the flesh to overcome him and he went West in search for a season. He's back now, and keeping still for his brother, and instead of glorifying out his version of the plan of salvation to sinners, as erstwhile he was accustomed, he is now engaged in grinding wheat and corn at a very small rate of toll, and "thankful, Ave," for past favors, he hopes by a strict attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.

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THE very reasonable rains of the past week have greatly improved the corn prospects, and the probability is that Pulaski will raise the largest corn crop that has been known in it for years. There is plenty of old corn here yet, that can be bought at prices equal to as low as in Lincoln. Nice corn meal is delivered a distance of ten miles for seventy-five cents per bushel, and corn can be readily bought for from 60 to 70 cents per bushel.

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## BUSINESS NOTICES.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESCRIPTIONS specially at Anderson & McRoberts'.

GUN CHAINS for watches and fans at Anderson & McRoberts'.

Rubber and Shell Vest and Fan Chains, at Anderson & McRoberts'.

JONES PAULS has just received 500 pr. jeans pants, cheap for cash.

MACHINERY Belts and Bushings for Sewing Machines, at Anderson & McRoberts'.

A large supply of needles for all Machines, 4 for 25cts., at Anderson & McRoberts'.

CHINA SPRINGS and gun bands for sewing machines for sale at Anderson & McRoberts'.

"It's Delightful." That's what they say of the Soda Water at E. R. Chenuault's eyewash fountain.

THE ONLY pure Soda Water ever made in town is at Anderson & McRoberts'—from our new silver fountain.

Sewing Machine Attachments, for all Machines, kept. Needles, four for 25cts., at Anderson & McRoberts'.

THE most complete stock of Drugs ever brought to Stanford, at E. R. Chenuault's. Prices as low as the lowest.

DANI PAY PEDDLERS two prices when you can buy the best spectacle made, at E. R. Chenuault's \$2.50 per pair.

PHARMACEUTICAL preparations and PHARMACEUTICAL prescriptions carefully and neatly prepared, at all hours, day or night, by Anderson & McRoberts'.

ALL accounts and notes now due me and not settled within thirty days, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. Respectfully,

July 1st. S. H. MATHER.

THE BEATTY PLANO, and BEATTY'S Golden Tongue Organ, manufactured by Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, N. J., are highly endorsed by all who have tested them, as to the style of case, durability, and sweetnes of tone. They are said to exceed any other instruments in perfect construction. See his advertisement in another column.

**SENSELESS ADVICE.**—You are asked every day through the columns of newspapers by your Druggist to use something for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint that you will not find in any of the leading medical dispensing offices with but little success. Now to give you satisfactory proof that GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER will cure you of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint with all its effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, palpitation of the Heart, Headburn, Water Brash, concreting of the Gall-bladder, &c., &c., &c., as we ask you to give to your Friends, John & Stagg, and get a Sample Bottle of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER for 10 cents, and I'll give it to you Regular Size for 75 cents, two doses will relieve you.

MR. DANIEL F. BEATTY, manufacturer and proprietor of the Beatty Piano and Beatty's celebrated Golden Tongue Parlor Organs, Washington, N. J., is certainly a very reasonable and generous man to transact business with. He makes this very fair proposition to those who may favor him with their patronage, following:—"I will not do more than satisfy for a test trial a person after a test of five days, after receiving it, the purchase money will be refunded upon the return of the instrument, and he will pay freight charges both ways." This is certainly an exceeding, generous, and safe manner in which to transact business with him. He warrants his instruments for six years. See his advertisement.

## LOCAL NEWS.

MISS MARY LOODAN's private school will begin on the first Monday in September.

A FIRST class Hotel in Stanford, can be purchased or leased. Address this office.

MISS MARY BOYD and Mrs. Mollie McDonald, of Louisville, are visiting the Misses Carpenter.

DR. STEPHEN ROBISON, the learned Presbyterian divine of Louisville, is with his family, spending the heated term at Crab Orchard Springs. He has preached there several times recently.

REV. J. A. BOWER, of Huntington, preached two highly interesting sermons in the Presbyterian Church, here, last Sunday morning and night. We hope he will come again, and often.

HAVE several fine Red Berkshire pigs for sale, at a reasonable price. These hogs are known to be the best variety, and they fatten early, and are very thrifty.

J. H. OWENS.

MASTER CHARLIE HARDIN of the Standard Hotel, brought to our office a man-math book, the other day. It weighs over seven pounds. Of all the books we ever saw, we have never seen a book that could beat it.

We are informed by Jno. M. Phillips, Jr., Commissioner of Common Schools for this county, that the per capita to white pupils will this year be \$1.90—the same as last—but that the per capita to colored pupils will be fifty-five cents—twenty-five cents in excess of the amount last year.

HOTEL in Stanford for sale or lease, for five to ten years. One-half or all can be purchased on time payments, one, two, three, four and five years. The hotel can be converted into two dwellings. Some need apply to responsible persons. For further information, apply at this office.

ASSOCIATION.—The Old Baptist Association, for State's Creek will convene on Tuesday, the 29th of this month, at Walnut Flat Church, in this county. Elder A. C. Newland, the Past Moderator, will open the Association, after which a regular Moderator will be chosen to preside during the meeting.

TILDEN AND HENDRICKS.—The up passenger train to the Fair at Richmond last Tuesday morning, from Lebanon was accidentally derailed with flags and other things, and in the front of the numerous engine were two full-sized portraits of Tilden and Hendricks, and around them, B. F. and others suitable mottoes were displayed. The effect was quite pleasing and beautiful, and a ringing cheer was given as the train moved out of the depot at a "go" speed. Three cheers for the "getters-up" of the decoration!

We learn that there was an old-fashioned fight at Crab Orchard last Monday, in which pistols and knives were discharged and clubs brought into requisition, with a considerable amount of hair pulling, etc. That is the best way after all; for those who fight in that way, "may live to fight another day."

PROTRACTED MEETING.—The meeting which commenced in the Christian Church here a week since, under Elder M. Gano, of Texas, closed last Wednesday night, with four additions—three by baptism and one by letter. Elder Gano went to Harrisburg on Thursday, where he will hold a protracted meeting.

IT is a fixed fact that there is to be a Republican paper published in Somerton. The agent, Capt. W. A. Collier, passed through town last Monday, on his return from Cincinnati, where he purchased a new outfit for a seven column paper. It is to be called, we learn, the Somerton Republican, and Col. T. Z. Moreton will be the editor.

THE DEMOCRATS of Madison county, at a meeting held last Saturday, instructed their delegates to the August Convention here, on the 16th, to vote for Hon. M. J. Durham. Every county in the district has given similar instructions, and there will be but little to do on that day but to publicly announce Judge Durham's nomination.

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STANFORD, K.Y.

Friday Morning, August 18, 1874.

**NOW HE WON HER.**

SEVERAL young men sat chatting over their champagne, after a lively supper, with Harry Stanford at his mother's country seat in the vicinity of Baltimore. As the hour grew late, and several of the guests reluctantly spoke of departure, the young host called on them to drink one more glass to the "loves of their hearts" at Baiting.

"And especially," said Frank Overton, the gayest of the party, "especially to your mother's charming guests, Annie and Alice Mayfield," and he bowed to Harry.

"Why do you omit their cousin Minnie?" asked Harry. "She is worth both the beauties put together; for any man who loves a plain setting will find her a jewel."

"Is she?" returned Eriuk, carelessly.

"Well, I have thought so once or twice myself. But it's a pity, for she's confoundedly plain, and will never get a husband unless by chance."

"The more fools they who overlook her," returned Harry.

"Why in the mischief don't you appropriate her then for yourself?" said two or three voices.

"Oh, I'm in love with a beauty myself, and could not think of such a thing. But that only proves I'm a fool, like the rest of you."

"I declare, Harry, you almost persuade me to take her," cried Frank. "At all events, I'd be willing to run the risk of having happiness thrust upon me. Besides, it's a shame that such a fine girl should not have one chance for a husband. What say you, boys, to this? Suppose we agree that the fellow who is hit by the cork that Harry's going to let fly shall propose to her, and try to be made happy in spite of himself?"

"Agreed!" cried some voices.

Others however, demurred. At last, after considerable debate, the resolution was carried, with the proviso that a previous attachment should be an exemption from the decree.

Harry cut the wire, and the cork, after vaulting to the ceiling, descended plump on the head of the originator of the proposal.

"Taken in, by thunder!" cried the luckless here, inelegantly, when he felt the fatal tap on the crown; while the roar of laughter from his unyielding companions attended their enjoyment of the humor and justice of the fact—as well, perhaps, their sense of personal relief at their own escape.

"Well, I'm in for it," he cried, after a great gasp. "I'll stand by my bargain; I'll offer myself as per agreement, and trust to my lucky stars for a refusal."

A derisive jeer, and the general exclamation, "No hope of that!" damped his rising spirits at the view of this mode of escape.

"Why not?" he asked, rather faintly.

"She—plain and poor; you—handsome and rich," returned one of the party, laconically.

Frank sighed; he felt the force of circumstances.

And now, reader, it is time to let you into a secret; the whole of the strange conversation I have described was overheard by the one person most interested in it, namely, Minnie Mayfield, herself; for, with the other young ladies, Annie and Alice, she had gone into the conservatory adjoining the dining room and there, in consequence of the raised voices of the young men, had heard her name mentioned. The result added one more confirmation of the old proverb, that "listeners never hear any good of themselves."

It is needless to add that Minnie's feelings of mortification and annoyance on this occasion were very painful. The reader can well imagine that as the conversation proceeded, she blushed, hid her face, and would gladly have escaped, had not her companions prevented her from doing so. As they roughly held her, fearing any movement might betray them, she finally sat down, pale and quiet, while tears of real agony rolled down her cheeks.

But what of all this? what of another and keener pang, mingled with the mortification she felt at hearing her own name so disrespectfully mentioned? What, if, like a silly, susceptible girl as she was, she had been foolish enough to look on Frank Overton too often, and too kindly, till a warm and tender feeling for him sprang unconsciously up in her impulsive heart.

She needed no sympathy; she had no business to look or feel—plain women have no right to look about, and force themselves where they know they are not cared for. It was reprehensible in our heroine, and she will have to take the consequences, which are coming.

On the following day, Frank, who was one of those persons who like to remove the pressure of the disagreeable impediment by instantly performing it, called on Minnie to get through the task his folly had imposed upon him; and he also imagined in a shrewd way, that it would enhance his chances to meet a refusal by going thus suddenly, and without any preliminary advance.

As for poor Minnie, she passed a sleepless night; she had been harassed by distressing thoughts. Surely hers was a trial of a peculiar kind; she felt that she loved Frank, and felt as plainly that he had never given her a thought; yet, by a strange chance, she saw him about to be put in her power, she had but to accept his offer, and honor would bind him to her. She could win his heart, and, if she found her efforts vain, she could release him and be no worse off than now. But her woman's pride and delicacy forbade her to accept a fulgred suit, or force him upon a man.

It was with some relief to her—after such a disturbed night, during which every distressing thought visited her with exaggerated horrors—that broad daylight she could scarcely regard the agreement of the night before as anything but a jest. Notwithstanding this conviction, she dressed herself with particular care, (all plain women are more regardful of such things than pretty ones,) and the sickly child could not help thinking of possibilities.

Therefore, when Frank was announced, as he was shortly, she went down to the drawing room, perfectly sure of his arrival, and perfectly sure of her answer.

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Some superficial observers may think that this is not saying much. I tell them it is saying a great deal, since, in addition to the love that would satisfy a handsome woman, a plain one demands as much more as shall satisfy her doubts of her own power of attraction.

But, as I have said, poor Frank's infatuation was complete; he was even heard to say that the happiest moment of his life was that on which Minnie confessed to him that she did not choose her fate for life should be decided by the popping of a champagne cork; she loved him then and ever since. And often in after years, he would tell his children about his courtship with mamma, and "how he won her."

**The Service of Birds.**

Birds and fowls render exceedingly valuable service to man in various ways. They furnish him with materials for bedding, and in very cold climates, as Kamtschatka, their downy skin is used for clothing. We have forethought used their quills in writing.

Their eggs and their flesh furnish palatable and nutritious food. Those that fly scatter valuable seeds over the world.

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**HUMOROUS.**

A WEAKLY man sits in Knoxville, Iowa, who has kept house fourteen years, has just completed the invention of a coal bucket that will empty two handfuls of coal into a stove without shooting a bushel and a half all over the floor and under the bed in the next room.

READING from the Star a few evenings ago to a party of ladies, the paragraph: "They have discovered that Tilden was the father of the Credit Mobiliar," one of them earnestly remarked, "Why, I thought he was a bachelor!" —[Washington (D. C.) Star.]

This is the season when the estimable young man lifts his hat to a lady and drops it from her nose to her feet. Come all ye honest bachelors, Let each man raise his voice; The time has come for every man To let his heart rejoice. We'll give you "round the green oak flag, With hearts both true and warm, And give three honest, rousing cheers For Tilden and Reform.

Come, tarry while the iron is hot, Liverani's Washington! The world is yours, the government is ours! The Constitution is ours! The Union is ours!

Let's shout to all the world, And give the wild alarm, To let them know we're PROUD ore For Tilden and Reform.

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